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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In response to the Final rejection dated March 15, 2001, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite Claim 7 as follows:

7. (AMENDED) An apparatus, comprising:

a base apparatus which includes a first sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically and performs a first processing for a sheet traveling along said first sheet transporting path; and

a scanner apparatus which can be removably mounted on said base apparatus and includes a reading element,

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